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FOR EA/J - PLATT; ISA/DASD - ABRAMOWITZ

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TAGS: OVIP (FUKUDA, TAKEO)

SUBJECT: FUKUDA VISIT: COST-SHARING

REF: TOKYO 05495

WE HAD A FULL DISCUSSION THIS MORNING WITH DAVE LOHMANN ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT COST-SHARING SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AT THE FUKUDA SUMMIT MEETING IN LIGHT OF ARIMA'S CAUTION AGAINST DOING SO. THE UPSHOT, ON WHICH WE ARE ALL AGREED, IS TO STAY WITH THE SUGGESTION IN THE LAST PARA REFTEL, REAFFIRMED IN ANOTHER CHANNEL LAST WEEK, THAT COST-SHARING SHOULD BE RAISED. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE IT APPEAR AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, OR EVEN TO BE TAKEN UP IN THE FORMAL MEETING, BUT IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY MISLEADING IF FUKUDA RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MATTER WAS NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS ENOUGH TO MENTION AT ALL. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT, POSSIBLY IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSING OTHER SECURITY MATTERS, THE PRESIDENT EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE WE ARE NOW RECEIVING IN LABOR COSTS, BUT NOTE THAT OUR BUDGETARY PROBLEM REMAINS SEVERE AND WE HOPE JAPAN WILL BE ABLE TO FIND ADDITIONAL AREAS IN WHICH IT MIGHT HELP US OUT.

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2. SINCE WRITING THE ABOVE, OUR JUDGEMENT WAS CONFIRMED IN A CONVERSATION IN WHICH OHTSUKA FROM JDA TOLD SELIGMANN THAT HE HOPED THE PRESIDENT WOULD NOT RAISE COST-SHARING, AND THEN QUICKLY MODIFIED THIS TO SAY, "THAT IS, NOT IN ANYTHING MORE THAN A VERY GENERAL WAY." MANSFIELD

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